

# **Delaware Division of the Arts invests \$2.9 million in the arts sector for Fiscal Year 2015**

The Delaware Division of the Arts announces the awarding of \$2.9 million in grants for Fiscal Year 2015, to support 110 arts initiatives throughout the state. Twenty-five communities across Delaware, from Arden to Seaford, will receive grants to support arts programming and services, arts education, and related arts marketing and promotion.

“A vibrant arts environment stimulates the economy and provides a richer quality of life,” said Governor Jack Markell. “In Delaware, where the arts are among our top 10 employers, we see how the arts contribute to the revitalization of downtown areas, enhance our educational system, and attract new businesses and residents to the state.”

Division grants support a variety of projects and programs, from storytelling for preschool reading readiness, to professional performances in dance, theater, and music. Delaware museums and art leagues in large and small communities alike receive support for internationally recognized collections as well as local artists and artisans.

“With a wide array of very strong applications this year, funding decisions were particularly challenging,” reported Division Director Paul Weagraff. “Panelists from across the state deliberated thoroughly and thoughtfully to assist in reviewing and ranking applicants in all grant categories. This input from our constituents helps to ensure that we are supporting arts programming that is of high quality and serves

all Delawareans.”

Funding for the Division of the Arts to support arts programming in Delaware comes from the Delaware General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

A complete listing of Fiscal Year 2015 grants can be found at:  
[www.artsdel.org/grants/grantawards2015.pdf](http://www.artsdel.org/grants/grantawards2015.pdf).